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Letter dated 6 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your kind attention to the letter dated 4 December 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1153) transmitting the report of the inter-agency assessment mission to Kisangani pursuant to Security Council resolution 1304 (2000) of 16 June 2000.

The Security Council will recall that in its resolution 1304 (2000) it expressed the view that the Governments of Uganda and Rwanda should make reparations for the loss of life and the property damage they had inflicted on the civilian population in Kisangani, and requested the Secretary-General to submit an assessment of the damage as the basis for such reparations.

Document S/2000/1153 contains the findings of the inter-agency assessment mission concerning the events in Kisangani, including the fighting which broke out between the regular armed forces of Uganda and Rwanda in June 2000 and its effects on the population and the infrastructure of the city.

My Government is grateful to the Secretary-General for his assessment of the loss of human life and the material damage inflicted on the civilian population of Kisangani, and would request the Security Council to follow up the report of the inter-agency assessment mission, inter alia, by authorizing the United Nations to establish the financial cost of the events that took place in Kisangani in June 2000, in order to complete the ongoing process aimed at bringing justice to the people of Kisangani.

My Government calls on the Council to take action on this matter, and would be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a Council document.

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